

Remaining Issues with CALFED Restoration Coordination Proposal

1. Crediting Policy

The CALFED Bay Delta Program will be preparing a crediting policy for the next CALFED meeting.

2. Administrative Entity for Category III Funds

This issue is especially important to CUBA because they are the only contributors to Category III at this time and they are concerned with the control of those funds. It is an issue that the Ecosystem Roundtable/CALFED group should resolve by spring 1997.

3. Allocation of Responsibility for Funding of Category III

This issue is especially important to the environmental community. The crediting policy will help the CUBA agencies make the business case to their boards to continue funding at the current levels but it remains to be seen if crediting will generate any additional revenue.

4. Integration of individual CALFED agency programs

The ultimate goal of this process is to fully integrate the individual programs together. However, in the interim the individual agencies can coordinate their activities better and where allowed by current mandates, agree on coordinated ecosystem strategies. Currently, a meeting of CALFED restoration fund managers is being convened and they will discuss the degree to which they can integrate their programs now without any legislative or administrative changes.

5. Membership of the Ecosystem Roundtable

A proposal should be generated by the next CALFED meeting. A small subgroup should be appointed to do this.

6. Workgroup membership and planning process to be followed by workgroups

For 1996, the workgroup needs to provide recommended revisions and priorities for a list based on priorities that the steering committee has already adopted. Because of this more narrow mission and the fact that the Ecosystem Roundtable is not yet created, a group of technical experts appointed by the Category III steering committee and the CALFED agencies will take on the task for 1996. However, it is especially important to both the ag and enviros that the workgroup for the 1997 round operate more formally with a better process. The proposal makes the commitment that the 1997 process will follow the outline developed in the Creating an Entity paper.

7. Relationship of existing BDAC ecosystem group to Ecosystem Roundtable

The existing BDAC group is probably best focussed on its current fact finding on the overall goal setting process and the Ecosystem Roundtable focussed on the annual prioritization and planning. This distinction may be difficult to maintain and it may become necessary to blend the two groups in the future.